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I have the honour to inform you of the work of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS), whose current mandate expires on 31 December 2011. Since its establishment on 15 April 1995, UNPOS has been assisting my efforts to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation in Somalia. UNPOS has been closely monitoring the situation and has provided briefings and periodic reports to the Security Council.

The Security Council, in its resolution 2010 (2011), requested me, through my Special Representative for Somalia and UNPOS, to redouble efforts to coordinate effectively and develop an integrated approach to all activities of the United Nations system in Somalia, to provide good offices and political support for the efforts to establish peace and stability in Somalia, and to mobilize resources and support from the international community for both the immediate recovery and long-term economic development of Somalia.

In the same resolution, the Security Council urged the establishment of an enhanced presence by the United Nations in Somalia, particularly Mogadishu, consistent with the security conditions. The Council further requested me to continue to assist the Transitional Federal Government in developing the transitional security institutions and reiterated its request to me to strengthen the child and women's protection components of UNPOS.

The Security Council, in its resolution 1976 (2011), emphasized the need to ensure effective coordination of anti-piracy efforts and in that regard requested me to strengthen UNPOS as the United Nations focal point for counter-piracy, including the Kampala Process on piracy.

During the biennium 2012-2013, UNPOS will continue, inter alia, to carry out the following tasks:

(a) Assist efforts to strengthen the Transitional Federal Institutions of Somalia;

(b) Guide the international community's efforts to assist the Transitional Federal Government to re-establish the security institutions of Somalia;

(c) Coordinate United Nations political, security, electoral, human rights, humanitarian, recovery and development support to the Somali people;

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(d) Coordinate on the ground the efforts of the United Nations and the international community in the fight against piracy;

(e) Support the regional authorities of "Puntland" and "Somaliland" in their efforts to maintain the relative stability that prevails in the two regions.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon